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## COMMUNITY MEETING TO FEATURE PROPOSED FELTON PUMP TRACK

Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship and the Santa Cruz County Parks Department invite the public to share thoughts on the proposed new pump track.

**Santa Cruz, CA –** Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship (SCMTS) and the Santa Cruz County Parks Department are seeking community input on a multi-use pump track at Felton's Covered Bridge County Park.

The proposal would replace an underutilized volleyball court in a corner of Covered Bridge County Park, and serve local youth and adults interested in developing their skills in biking, skateboarding or roller skating/roller blading. Community members are encouraged to attend and hear a presentation from SCMTS and County staff, followed by questions and answers.

The meeting will take place August 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9. (directions here). Interested parties may learn more about the project and RSVP for the community meeting at <a href="mailto:santacruztrails.org/feltonpt">santacruztrails.org/feltonpt</a>.

"This pump track would be the only resource of its kind in the San Lorenzo Valley," said Rebecca Hurley, deputy director of the Santa Cruz County Parks Department. "It would bring new value to an underutilized portion of Felton's Covered Bridge County Park. We look forward to greeting community members to share plans and discuss how we can create an exciting new outdoor recreation opportunity in the Felton area."

"As a Felton resident, I'm very interested in a new pump track coming to the Santa Cruz Mountains," said Matt De Young, executive director of Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship. "We've constructed three paved pump tracks in the county area over the past two years, and seen the immediate boost they provide to community relationships, public health, and even neighborhood economies. Felton is a natural fit for this next track."

A pump track is a series of rollers, jumps, and banked turns that connect in a closed loop. They're popular across all age groups, and over 100,000 trips are made to existing pump tracks in the City of Santa Cruz each year. The proposed track will be similar in size to the Harvey West Pump Track in the City of Santa Cruz, and serve users of all skill levels. A paved surface makes the track appropriate for nearly any wheeled recreational equipment and reduces maintenance requirements.

WHAT: Proposed Felton Bridge Covered Park Pump Track

WHO: SCMTS, Santa Cruz County Parks Department and fellow outdoor enthusiasts

WHEN: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 9

WHERE: Felton Community Hall Auditorium, 6191 Highway 9, Felton